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<p>PERTINENT INFORMATION</p> <p>There was also a bond between the Grand MUTTI of Jerusalem and Frachid Ali Gailani of Baghdad. The latter was recognized by the German government as The Prime Minister of Iraq, the notes having been exchanged to that effect between Ribbentrop and Gailani. But he was as lazy as any Arab. His brother, who was the Iraqi minister in Ankara before his "return" to Germany, was ambitious and did not like any other Arab to shine more than he did. Before he was joined by his brother in Germany, Gailani enjoyed quite a following among the Arab nationalists and was on good terms with the Grand MUTTI. But his own laziness as well as his brother's presence pushed most of Arab refugees in Germany to the Grand MUTTI camp. The Grand MUTTI was no chief of any national government but was something like an all-Arab personality at home in the Near East as well as in Germany. He was a hard worker. He was full of ideas and resources to carry the work out. When he thinks of anything to do, he gets up and calls a conference of his men even in the small hours of the morning when Gailani, the chief, though political of the Gailani sect of the Mohammedanism and the descendant of the Prophet, was enjoying peace in his harem. The Grand MUTTI's attitude and action appealed to the Germans as well as to young Arabs more than the Iraqi chief, who did not like it. Grobba, former German minister in Baghdad, who was in charge of the Gailani government at the German Foreign Office, lost his job because of his protest of laziness and was transferred to the Paris embassy under Achet to study the French documents on the Mohammedan affairs. His assistant and Arab-speaking Legationrat Ornow was removed from the more important political department of the Foreign Office to the less important Canadian section. On the other hand, an collaborator of the Grand MUTTI in the French Moroccan and Tunisian operations, was promoted to the ambassadorship in Mussolini's Italy.</p> <p>During one of my visits to Berlin, Gailani invited me to his house led by Graf von Krosigk, then the Finance Minister and later Doornik's Foreign Minister. Gailani asked me to tell my Japanese friends in Berlin that they should not favour the Grand MUTTI for co-operation, like the Germans did. He said that his sect, whose religious chief remains in Baghdad as the British occupation authorities dared not molest him for consideration of consequences that the British occupation that the British persecution of the sectarian chief might have on his following in India, was not useful for Japan's Indian policy and that his brother married with an Afghan princess of blood was sitting north of Karachi. His private secretary, Hikmet, who was vice-consul in Istanbul and who was my personal friend, requested me to put him through to the Japanese embassy. I presented him to some embassy secretaries....."</p>				
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